

RIC will surely enjoy the well deserved time he now has to spend with his family and loved ones. I wish him the best of luck in all his future endeavors.

IN RECOGNITION OF PACIFICA
CITY COUNCILMAN CALVIN HINTON

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to Pacifica City Councilman Calvin Hinton, who retires this month after twelve years of admirably and honorably serving his community.

Madam Speaker, the United States Marine Corps once recruited with the slogan, "We're looking for a few good men." In 1945, they got exactly what they were looking for with Cal Hinton. Little did they know that the young recruit from Indiana would go on to serve his country in so many ways.

Following his service in World War II, he moved to Northern California where he attended The College of San Mateo, University of San Francisco and Stanford University.

Cal Hinton first served his adopted hometown of Pacifica by joining the Fire Department in April, 1959. There, his work ethic and natural leadership ability propelled him through the ranks until, after a stellar term as Fire Captain, he was named Chief of the City of Pacifica Fire Department on January 13, 1970. Chief Hinton remained in that job until his retirement in 1983.

In 1996, Cal offered his services in a different capacity by seeking—and winning—a seat on the city council. Twice more the voters of Pacifica returned him to office.

Earlier this year, Cal showed just how tough he is when, while recovering from hip replacement surgery, he was struck by an out-of-control SUV while walking in downtown Pacifica. The vehicle hit Cal before coming to a stop inside a local restaurant where fortunately, no one was seriously hurt. As for Cal, he broke the same leg where he just received the new hip. Despite being 81, he was able to bounce back and, before long, returned to the City Council.

Retirement will allow Cal to spend more time with his family, including his lovely wife Marilyn.

Madam Speaker, California's 12th Congressional District, and indeed our nation, is better off because of the service of Calvin Hinton. On behalf of you and the United States House of Representatives, I thank him for a lifetime dedicated to helping others.

OFFERING A POEM BY ALBERT
CAREY CASWELL

HON. LINCOLN DAVIS

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LINCOLN DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, a good friend to a lot of us in the House of Representatives, Albert Carey Caswell, who works for the U.S. Capitol Guide

Service, recently shared with me a poem he wrote about his admiration for the Make a Wish Foundation. As a grandfather of five, and out of respect for the work of the Make a Wish Foundation, I wanted to introduce his poem in to the RECORD so others may enjoy it in the future.

CLOSE YOUR EYES

Close your eyes . . .
And Make A Wish . . .
This most precious time together, is but our gift . . .
For families, with heart's of gold . . .
Moments to carry with you, as you grow old . . .
All in the coming years . . .
We will remember, what we do here!
All in our tears . . .
Close your eyes, my precious child . . .
And Make A Wish . . .
Make A Smile . . .
As to your fine hearts, so graciously we give this . . .
And wipe all of those tears, from your eyes . . .
Oh how, your most courageous hearts . . .
Make us cry . . .
Forget all of your pain and heartache . . .
Watching you, oh how our heart's break . . .
As we see those little smiles, upon your face . . .
For you give to us, far . . . far . . . much more, than you take!
Little hearts which beat so loud . . .
Who make, The Angels Up In Heaven Proud . . .
Magnificent families, who make each moment count!
Teaching Us . . . and Reaching Us . . .
Beseeching our heart so very loud . . .
What life is truly all about!
Close your eyes . . .
And Make A Wish . . .
All for you, we do this . . .
Make, Dreams Come True!
All for you . . .
Close your eyes, And Make A Wish . . .
Little soldiers, children should not have to be . . .
But, this is what our Lord God make's us see . . .
To Teach . . . what counts!
That no greater heart could ever beat!
No finer soul for Heaven, could so compete!
Families, who are like our soldiers too . . .
and their families, who must now so weep . . .
For every day, you fight a war . . . a battle so for sure . . .
With hearts of courage full, oh what you endure . . .
Families living close . . .
As you know, each and every moment but means the most!
Is that but not what Heaven is for?
Close your eyes my dear child . . .
And Make A Wish . . .
Oh how you bless this world, with your most heroic gifts . . .
To be a child!
To wear a smile . . .
To forget all of your heartache, but for a little while . . .
I close my eyes . . .
And Make A Wish . . .
That, I might bless and but live such a fine life as this!

TRIBUTE ON THE RETIREMENT OF
MR. ANTHONY "BEN" BORDA, JR.

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RAHALL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Anthony "Ben" Borda, Jr. of Huntington, WV and his 36 years of service to the State and people of West Virginia. For the past 36 years, Mr. Borda has served in the Federal Government, 34 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and 2 years with the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Surface Mining. Mr. Borda currently serves as the Acting Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Huntington District and New River Navigator for the New River American River Heritage Initiative and is now set to retire on January 2, 2009.

Born and raised in Fairmont, West Virginia, Ben has devoted his life to protecting West Virginia's God-given natural resources. He earned a bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from West Virginia University in 1972 and a Masters in Biological Science from Marshall University in 1994.

For nearly four decades, Ben has been a godsend to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Huntington District, helping manage land and water usage, and has played a powerful role in dozens of district projects covering three states. From Landscape Architect to Acting Chief of the planning Branch, Ben has left his mark on virtually every aspect of the Huntington District and improved the lives of the people of southern West Virginia.

Additionally, Ben is the longest serving New River Navigator in the country, having served for the past ten years as the Federal Liaison for the New River under the American Heritage Rivers Initiative. In this capacity, he has helped the New River Community Partners leverage millions of dollars in federal, state, local, and private funds to help bring economic, conservation and preservation, education, and transportation projects to the New River Area and was awarded the American Heritage Rivers Initiatives' Navigator Award in 2006 for his success.

Ben's list of accomplishments far exceeds his years of service. His leadership and vision have been invaluable to the Huntington District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and helped shape environmental policy across southern West Virginia. His dedication to his work and commitment to helping others are examples to us all.

I again congratulate Ben for his 36 years of dedicated service to the State and people of West Virginia and wish him continued success in retirement and all his future endeavors.

FORMER FIRST LADY ALICE KING

HON. TOM UDALL

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Madam Speaker, Like so many New Mexicans, Alice King's biggest contribution to our state was her children. Unlike other New Mexicans, though, Alice's children include thousands of young New